

**BORROWER CERTIFICATION OF NO CONFLICT OF INTEREST
IN RECEIVING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)**

City of Norfolk, hereafter, called Grantee, will use federal CDBG funds to provide financial assistance to eligible program participants, hereafter called Participants. These CDBG funds are administered by the State Department of Housing and Community Development hereafter called Department. As part of receiving CDBG funds from the Department, the Grantee is required to ensure there is no conflict of interest created when using these funds on eligible CDBG activities. As such, all Participants must certify that no conflict of interest has been created.

Conflict of Interest: Pursuant to CDBG financial assistance is not available if there is a conflict of interest. Any person / business loan participant that is an employee of the Grantee, an elected official, or consultant involved in administering a business assistance activity would not be eligible to receive CDBG funds due to a conflict of interest. If there is a real or perceived conflict of interest, the Grantee must have a legal determination that will be placed in the Participant's file.

Federal Conflict of Interest: Pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 24 CFR 570.489 (h) a conflict of interest is not allowed when using CDBG funds as follows:

Conflicts prohibited. Except for eligible administrative or personnel costs, the general rule is that no persons described in paragraph (h)(3) of this section who exercise or have exercised any functions or responsibilities with respect to CDBG activities assisted under this subpart or who are in a position to participate in a decision-making process or gain inside information with regard to such activities, may obtain a financial interest or benefit from the activity, or have an interest or benefit from the activity, or have an interest in any contract, subcontract or agreement with respect thereto, or the proceeds thereunder, either for themselves or those with whom they have family or business ties, during their tenure or for one year thereafter.

Persons covered. The conflict of interest provisions for paragraph (h)(2) of this section apply to any person who is an employee, agent, consultant, officer, elected official or appointed official of the state, or of a unit of general local government, or of any designated public agencies, or subrecipients which are receiving CDBG funds.

If there is a real or perceived conflict of interest relative to the federal language above, the Grantee must submit a request to the Department for an exception to the Conflict of Interest determination. The Department will render a written decision that will be placed in the Participant's file.

By signing below, I certify that no conflict of interest, as prohibited by the Code of Federal Regulations Section 24 CFR 489 (h), is created.

Signature of Borrower

Print Name and Title

Date: _____